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# Teacher Tenure

George Moscone

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Moscone defends Tenure

Senate majority leader George Moscone of San Francisco labeled Governor Ronald Reagan's "phasing out of teacher tenure" in his State of the State message as "preposterous". He is calling all educators incompetents, Moscone declared.

Walter M. Kasabian (sic) states legislative chairman praised Senator Moscone for pointing out how "ridiculous" the governor's position is.

"In order to have the ability to deal with social and educational problems a teacher must have stability and security," said the Senator. "Abolition of tenure would inevitably lead to political involvement in the content of what teachers ought to teach. The notion that tenure is a guarantee of a lifetime job for educators is a misunderstanding on the part of many citizens. I will oppose efforts to abolish the tenure system which has long been a vital element in California education," continued the Senator.

"Adequate safeguards now exist to protect the schools from incompetent teachers, tenured or non-tenured," concluded Senator Moscone.

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